ACQ 201 Equivalency Examination

FY99 Schedule

nder the auspices of the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA), Defense Systems Management College (DSMC) course directors have administered over 20 Intermediate Systems Acquisition Course (ISAC) equivalency examinations since 1994 to DoD personnel seeking course validation. ISAC, or ACQ 201, is a certified Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Level II course offering, which meets mandatory or desired training requirements for DAWIA certification in six of 11 acquisition career fields. Over 300 members of the acquisition workforce have passed the exam.

In Fiscal Year 1999 (FY99) ACQ 201 will be offered at the main Fort Belvoir, Va., campus as well as our four DSMC Regional Centers. Equivalency examinations consist of two parts and are conducted over a two-day period.

Day 1

On the morning of Day 1, the on-site director fields questions from the examinees. In the afternoon, examinees complete Part I of the examination, consisting of 100 multiple-choice questions. At the end of Day 1, course directors post test scores; those examinees receiving a passing score of 70 percent or more may return on Day 2 for Part II.

Success rates for the examinees are quite high. In FY 98 testing, 75 percent of all examinees achieved a passing score for Part I of the examination, and of those who went on to complete Part II, 80 percent attained a passing score.

Please note that a nominal number of textbooks are available at the DSMC Regional Centers for study and preparation prior to the examination. If you are interested in taking the ACQ 201 equivalency examination, please first contact your agency's on-site training and education coordinator, who will then facilitate your participation in the examination with the appropriate ACQ 201 course director/DSMC Regional Center director.

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Day 2

Beginning on the morning of Day 2, Part II consists of 10 essay questions from a choice of 12 possibilities. Part II will be collected on-site and mailed to the ACQ 201 course director, who will grade the essay portion and award diplomas to those who achieve a 70 percent or above passing score.

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DateLocationOrganization/RegionApril 13-14Redstone Arsenal, Ala.DSMC Southern Region

Comm: (256) 842-9045 DSN: 788-9045

June 15-16 Los Angeles AFB, Calif. DSMC Western Region

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